

LATE GOAL RUSH SINKS WYCOMBE

Sports Mail Special Report

WITH four regular senior players in the Berkshire and Buckinghamshire team, depleted Wycombe Wanderers fell to full-strength Bromley in an Isthmian League match.

Bromley: Harwood, Brown, Poole, Hobbs, Basham, Luckhurst, Hall, Viney, McAllister, Nottage, Stevens.

Wycombe: Patrick, Fewell, Pullin, D. Thomas, Lewis, Gale, Bedford, Bassett, Merrick, Horseman, J. Thomas.

Ref.: Mr. R. W. Burville (Reading).

Bromley won the first corner but Thomas cleared. Then Pullin saved a nasty situation as Wycombe's new-look team tried to settle down.

Poole sent a dangerous pass back to his goalkeeper, who just managed to reach it before Gale. Wycombe had a lucky escape when Viney headed off to McAllister, whose shot was inches over the bar.

McAllister had hard luck again minutes later when a header beat Patrick, but hit the bar and was cleared. Then the centre forward saw Patrick push another of his shots round the post.

The Wycombe goalkeeper was constantly in action now, but they were helped by some terrible passing by Bromley.

OVER THE BAR

As the home side's attacks tailed off, Thomas, Merrick and Horseman all sent shots over the bar, but just before half-time Bromley started getting on top again.

Half-time: Bromley 0, Wycombe Wand. 0.

Seven minutes from the end HOBBS headed in to give Bromley the lead and minutes later McALLISTER hit a shot which went through Patrick's hands.

In injury time HORSEMAN shot Wycombe's sole goal, but NOTTAGE replied immediately with another for Bromley.

RESULT:

BROMLEY	3
WYCOMBE	1

WYCOMBE HIT BY INJURY

Bromley 3 Wycombe 1

AFTER 83 minutes of uninteresting football, Bromley outside-left Johnny Stevens laid on gilt-edged chances for Brian Hobbs and Eric Nottage, and Wycombe came off second best in a thrilling finish.

For the most part neither set of forwards pressed and Bromley's experiment of playing wing-half Dan McAllister at centre forward did not have the desired effect.

Without star winger Len Worley and three other players all of whom were on county duty, Wycombe made little headway. They were further handicapped by a 56-minute injury to goalkeeper Phil Patrick.

Bromley had long since taken command, however, with wing-half Ian Luckhurst—making his first league appearance—sending through some fine passes.

Then Stevens crossed into the middle for Hobbs to put Bromley ahead. Patrick let a hard shot from McAllister go through his legs to make it 2-0 in the 89th minute.

Bedford reduced the arrears in the second minute of injury time after Harwood had only been able to tip out a John Thomas cross. But two minutes later Nottage banged in another Stevens pass.